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Dear Sirs

**Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17(6)**

I enclose two copies of my search report relating to claims 13 to 23, 34 to 41 and two copies of the citations.

This search is in response to the further Patents Form 9/77 filed on 20 November 2003.

Yours faithfully

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**Application No:** GB 0314044.9  
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## Patents Act 1977 : Further Search Report under Section 17

### Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X	13, 14 at least	US 2002/0051330 A1 HEIJDEN. See figure 12 in particular.
A		US 2002/0135956 A1 HASEGAWA. See current limiting layer 27 in figures.

### Categories:

X	Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step	A	Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art.
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### Field of Search:

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G1U; G5R; H1K

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The following online and other databases have been used in the preparation of this search report :

EPODOC, WPI, PAJ